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SUBJ: PERMREPS LUNCHEON, JANUARY 25, 1977

SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 25, NATO
PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY
2. NATO AEW
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3. ALLIED AIRCRAFT VISITS TO USSR
4. SYG MEETING WITH MOBUTU
5. SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUGMENTATION.

PERMREPS' DISCUSSION OF VP MONDALE'S VISIT IS
REPORTED SEPTTEL.

ADDRESSEES ARE REMINDED THAT THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG
THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE
INFORMAL AND OFF-THE-RECORD. BY TRADITION, THEY SHOULD NOT BE

REFERRED TO AND THE STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPANTS MAY IN NO CASE
BE ATTRIBUTED BY NAME, END SUMMARY.

1. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY. SYG LUNS REPORTED THAT NAA SECRETARY
GENERAL DESHORMES HAD TOLD HIM THAT A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NAA
HAD PROPOSED THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS EXAMINE WAYS FOR STRENGTHEN-
ING THE AUTHORITY OF THE NAA. THE SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSED TO DIS-
TRIBUTE A QUESTIONNAIRE TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ON HOW THIS MIGHT
BE DONE. THE SENSE OF THE PERMREPS' DISCUSSION OF LUNS' STATEMENT
WAS THAT BEFORE SUCH A QUESTIONNAIRE WAS DISTRIBUTED, DESHORMES
SHOULD REPORT TO THE SYG WHAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD IN MIND, AND
SYG WOULD THEN REPORT TO PERMREPS SO THEY COULD DISCUSS THE SUB-
STANCE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THERE SEEMED TO BE AGREEMENT THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEND OUT QUESTIONNAIRES DIRECTLY
FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. NATO AEW. PAULS (FRG) SAID THAT MINISTER LEBER STILL HAD NO
MANDATE FROM THE CABINET TO AGREE ON A DATE FOR THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON NATO AEW. LEBER FIRST NEEDED THE RESULTS OF THE SEC-
OND MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL EXPERTS. HOWEVER, IF THE
RESULTS OF THE EXPERTS' MEETING JUSTIFIED HIS GOING TO THE
CABINET FOR A MANDATE, THE SUGGESTED DATES OF FEBRUARY 24-25
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT US
APPROVAL OF THESE DATES WAS TENTATIVE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY
SECRETARY BROWN. HARDY (CANADA) RECALLED THREE POINTS WHICH
CANADA HAD MADE PREVIOUSLY. FIRST, NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN
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TRADEOFFS UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN CANADA AND THE US ARE NOT
LIKELY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN ANY NATO NEGOTIATIONS. SECOND,
CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO NATO AEW IS NOT LIKELY TO INTERFERE WITH
ANY ONGOING CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THIRD, CANADA WANTS A
NATO-WIDE PROGRAM.

PAULS SAID HE WISHED TO RAISE A POINT ABOUT THE COST OF AEW. HE
SAID THAT THE ALLIES WERE BUYING A MARITIME CONFIGURED AIRCRAFT
FOR AEW TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF MARITIME NATIONS. HOWEVER, THE
FRG IS A CONTINENTAL NATION. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD LOOK AT WHAT
THE MARITIME ENHANCEMENTS FOR AEW COST, AND DECREASE THE UNIT
COSTS FOR CONTINENTAL NATIONS ACCORDINGLY. (COMMENT: THE FRG HAS
NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE RAISED THIS IDEA PREVIOUSLY, AND IT IS NOT
CLEAR WHETHER THIS REPRESENTS A PERSONAL IDEA OF PAULS OR AN
INSTRUCTED VIEW. IF IT IS THE LATTER, IT SHOULD SURFACE AT THE
JANUARY 26-27 MEETING OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL EXPERTS. END COMMENT)

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PAULS ALSO NOTED THAT FRG GIVES PRIORITY TO MODERNIZATION OF
ANTI-TANK WEAPONRY, TANKS, AND BATTLE-FIELD AIR DEFENSE.

3. ALLIED AIRCRAFT VISITS TO USSR. TINE (FRANCE) RECALLED THE
HAD INFORMED PERMREPS AT THE JANUARY 11 LUNCH THAT THE INTENDED
TO SEEK ADVICE ON WHETHER THERE WAS A PRECEDENT FOR THE VISIT
OF LIGHTNING FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO THE USSR AS CONTEMPLATED BY
THE UK (PARA 5, USNATO 125). HE SAID THAT IN 1971, FIVE MIRAGES
HAD VISITED MOSCOW. THE FRENCH HAD REMOVED SOME SENSITIVE
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EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE VISIT. A FEW MONTHS LATER, IN RETURN, FIVE
MIG-21S HAD VISITED REIMS. FRENCH MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD THE
IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ALSO REMOVED SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT
FROM THE MIG 21'S. FROM AN INFORMATION STANDPOINT, THE VISITS
WERE OF ZERO INTEREST. NO OTHERS COMMENTED REGARDING THE CONTEM-
PLATED UK AIRCRAFT VISIT TO THE USSR, AND THE UK ELSEWHERE IN
NATO HAS NOT YET TAKEN THE LINE FORESEEN IN LONDON 907.

4. SYG MEETING WITH MOBUTU. LUNS REPORTED ON HIS BREAKFAST THE
MORNING OF JANUARY 25 WITH ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU, AND FOREIGN
MINISTER NGUZA. MOBUTU EXPRESSED GREAT WORRY ABOUT THE SITUATION
IN AFRICA, AND SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION "NOW HOLDS ALL THE
CARDS." HE FELT THREATENED BY ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND CONGO
BRAZZAVILLE. EACH WAS "FULL OF SOVIET ADVISORS AND CUBANS."
NGUZA SAID THE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT HAD REPORTS ON DISEMBARKATION OF
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND OTHER MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT IN

BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA FOR USE AGAINST ZAIRE. LUNS TOLD THE PERMREPS THAT MOBUTU COUNTS ON THE WEST TO PREVENT A FURTHER EROSION IN HIS POSITION. LUNS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT MOBUTU IS IN TOUCH WITH THE US, AND MOBUTU HOPES THAT THE US WILL SUPPORT HIM.

SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM) SAID THAT MOBUTU'S VISIT TO BELGIUM WAS PROMPTED CHIEFLY BY THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ZAIRE. IT WAS CLEAR THAT "ZAIRIZATION" WAS THE REAL CAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC TROUBLES OF ZAIRE. BELGIUM IS NOW STUDYING WAYS OF INTRODUCING BELGIAN MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL, WHILE SAVING MOBUTU'S FACE. MOBUTU WANTS BELGIAN HELP. BELGIUM IS WILLING TO EXTEND ITS HELP IF ZAIRE IS WILLING TO GIVE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEES. ZAIRE HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS PREPARED, WITH RESPECT TO MINING AND TRANSPORTATION, TO GIVE BELGIUM SIXTY PERCENT RATHER THAN FORTY PERCENT SHARE OWNERSHIP, BUT BELGIUM IS SKEPTICAL. THE BELGIAN ATTITUDE IS "POSITIVE BUT PRUDENT." SCHUURMANS CONFIRMED MOBUTU'S FEARS OF INVASION AND INTERNAL TROUBLES. BELGIUM IS CONCERNED THAT MOBUTU'S PRESTIGE HAS BEEN LOWERED, THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO ONE TO TAKE HIS PLACE. BELGIUM IS AWARE OF HIS WEAKNESSES, BUT HE IS STILL THE
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WEST'S BEST BET IN AFRICA TODAY. SCHUURMANS NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT THERE WERE NOW ONLY ABOUT THIRTY BELGIAN MILITARY INSTRUCTORS IN ZAIRE, AND THEY WERE NOT SERVING WITH ANY MILITARY UNIT. HE ALSO NOTED MOBUTU'S STRONG COMPLAINT ABOUT "800 RAILWAY CARS STILL BLOCKED IN ANGOLA."

FISCHBACK (LUXEMBOURG) SAID THAT IN HIS RECENT DISCUSSION WITH THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, THE LATTER CONFIRMED WHAT LUNS AND SCHUURMANS HAD SAID. SCHUURMANS URGED WESTERN UNDERSTANDING OF MOBUTU'S PROBLEMS.

5. AUGMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS 1975-1979. AT THE END OF THE MEETING PAULS PASSIONATELY URGED ALLIED AGREEMENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE FRG DOES NOT LIKE THE US SPECIAL PROGRAM, THE FRG "IS NOW PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT IT." COMMENT: ADDITIONALLY, PAULS MADE PRIVATE REMARKS TO THE AMBASSADOR WHICH SUGGEST THAT THE FRG MAY NOW BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW OBJECTION TO THE US SPECIAL PROGRAM. END COMMENT.
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